

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 10-15 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is introduced by the cancellation.

Claims 1-9 and 16-19 are pending and under consideration.

The Action indicates that the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 10-15.

Claims 10-15 are cancelled herein. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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